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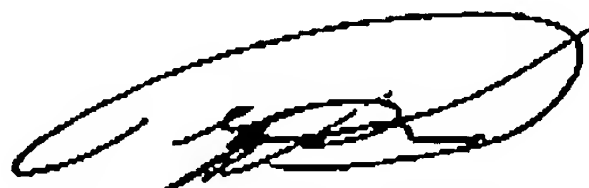
By this Amendment, claims 19 and 21-26 are amended. Claim 27 is canceled. As a result, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 8-26 will remain pending.

In the Office Action dated August 22, 2005, the Examiner stated that claims 1-6 and 8-18 were allowed. In addition, the Examiner stated that claims 21-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the Office Action, while the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 19 and 20, the Applicant hereby amends claim 19 to include the features formerly recited by claim 27. In addition, so that the claims are internally consistent, the dependencies of claims 21-26 are changed so that these claims depend from amended claim 19. With these Amendments, the Applicant believes that all of the claims are now in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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